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Page 4, after line 15, insert the following paragraphs:

FIG. 5 is a simplified perspective diagram illustrating one embodiment of a substrate holder.

FIG. 6 is a simplified diagram of a prior art precision stage.

Page 4, delete the whole paragraph starting in line 17 and replace it with the following new paragraph:

FIG. 1 is a simplified block diagram illustrating the precision travel range of a stage 600 (see Fig. 6) relative to the size of a substrate. In the exemplary FIG. 1 representation, rectangular shapes 10 generally correspond to a plan, or top, view of a substrate such as, for example, a 1".times.3" microscope slide. Hashed square shapes 20 generally represent the travel range of a high-precision stage (not depicted in FIG. 1). In a typical system, precision stage travel range 20 may be appreciably less than the overall substrate area 10. Moving the substrate from position A to position E relative to the stage as depicted in FIG. 1 enables the various areas A-E on the substrate that can be observed with high resolution to be selectively altered in accordance with system requirements. In accordance with some embodiments employing an indexing system as set forth herein, it is possible to switch or toggle easily between one or more selected substrate regions A-E, for example, and to return to a given or selected area of interest.